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Kowloon	Dep. 6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	7.10
Yau Ma Tei	Dep. 6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	7.19
Shatin	Dep. 7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	7.31
Tai Po	Dep. 7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	7.44
Tai Po Market	Dep. 7.31	9.58	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	7.48
Fanning	Dep. 7.32	10.03	11.18	12.48	1.53	5.24	7.58
Shenzhen	Dep. 7.36	10.07	11.22	12.52	1.57	5.28	8.02
Shum Chun	Dep. 7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.03	5.34	8.08

Stations	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum Chun	Dep. 7.21	9.05	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	6.08
Shenzhen	Dep. 7.28	9.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	6.15
Fanning	Dep. 7.32	9.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	6.19
Tai Po Market	Dep. 7.42	9.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	6.29
Tai Po	Dep. 7.46	9.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	6.33
Shatin	Dep. 7.59	9.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	6.46
Yau Ma Tei	Dep. 8.12	9.56	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.58
Kowloon	Dep. 8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	7.06

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A general meeting of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce was held at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland-avenue, London, on November 13th, Mr. Stanley Machin, the president, was in the chair.

The President, in his address, said the Dawes Plan might not be ideal, but he believed that it was best to take the long view and approve a scheme which had for its main object the restoration of impoverished Europe. At the same time, it could not be denied that certain industries might be seriously affected by the position in which Germany now found herself, and he felt that the Government of the day could not stand by and see industries destroyed by nations which were working longer hours with lower wages and with depleted exchanges which rendered competition both unequal and unfair. New commercial treaties between Great Britain and Germany, and between France and Germany, were now in negotiation. He could assure the meeting that the Board of Trade were looking after their interests, and he was not without hope that a solution would be found which would enable them to renew their trade with Germany on a greater scale than had been possible in the past. He trusted that day was not far distant when they should have entered into a new commercial treaty with France which would be to the benefit of the trades of both countries. Their friends in France could be assured that they were anxious to increase their commercial relations, and that competition with them for other markets was of a friendly nature, necessary to the progress of both countries.

One of the chief causes of unemployment, he continued, was the excessive taxation from which they were at present suffering. They were paying imperial taxation of upwards of £4 per head of the population as against £4 8s. 6d. before the war. The commercial community could not too strongly repeat its demand for economy as the first and greatest of all means by which the deplorable problem of unemployment could be partly solved. The present position could not continue. While in 1913 the total expenditure on national services amounted to £3 millions sterling, in 1924 the figure had reached upwards of £10 millions, of which only £9 million was met in war pensions. Local expenditure amounted to £7 millions in 1913, but no less than £16 millions in 1924. The enormous increase in expenditure had met out of an income £3 per cent. less in 1923 than it was in 1913. No one wished to see the standard of living reduced, but there was only one means by which it could be maintained, and that was by producing more. They had a new Chancellor of the Exchequer, and he felt satisfied that no step that Mr. Churchill could take would tend more to improve trade and develop confidence and enterprise than a substantial reduction in the income-tax. In accordance with a resolution of the last annual meeting a special committee had been set up to investigate the whole question of industrial unrest. In view of the tendency of foreign Governments to increase their tariff walls, it was more essential than ever that they should look to the Empire for the development of the overseas trade, and they should encourage mutual understandings and mutual benefits to the object of enabling the Empire to become more and more self-supporting. The council was fully alive to the importance of domestic reforms, among the foremost of which was the return to the penny postage, which would result in such great benefit to the trade of the country.

A resolution was passed urging the restoration of penny postage within the Empire.

A resolution was also carried in favour of the restoration of such pre-war postal and telegraphic facilities as might be practicable.

On the motion of Mr. W. Raine, M.P. (Sunderland), the Government were urged to secure the most-favoured nation treatment in any commercial agreement between Great Britain and Germany. Mr. Raine said there was grave concern in the North of England about the negotiations going on between Germany and France.

A resolution was moved by Mr. A. Kemp (Leicester) urging that in order to equalize as far as possible the incidence of taxation on all traders it was desirable that the reserves retained in their businesses by private traders should be exempt from super-tax and should only be liable to the same scale of taxation as the reserves of limited liability companies.

Sir James Martin (London) said super-tax could not be avoided by turning a business into a limited company. When the Commissioners considered distribution had not been made to the shareholders for the purpose of avoiding super-tax they could institute an inquiry. Were business people prepared to allow the Special Commissioner to determine the amount of capital needed in their business?

Mr. Rudd (Blackburn) said that if the company were registered before a certain date the question of distribution of profit was avoided; in other cases the profit was subject to review as had been described.

The resolution was carried by 31 votes to 27.

Dr. A. Rée (Manchester) proposed a resolution urging the Government to appoint a committee to recommend what changes were desirable in the existing company law. The interests of honest trading would, probably be safeguarded in the near future, so far as they lay

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within the scope of the law of bankruptcy, but a concurrent reform of company law was needed, especially of the provisions relating to private companies. Dr. Rée said that at present a man could fail disgracefully from a private limited company and continue his nefarious practices.

Sir James Martin seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. In reference to the French Wireless Decree requiring vessels between 400 and 2,000 tons gross to carry wireless receiving sets and licensed watchmen, it was suggested that the British Government should make suitable reciprocal arrangements with the French Government pending the promotion of international uniformity of practice in the matter of compulsory regulations for wireless at sea.

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COMPANY MEETING. THE INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL BANK, LTD.

The 8th annual meeting of the Industrial & Commercial Bank, Ltd., was held on Saturday afternoon at the Bank's premises, York Building Chater Road. Mr. Ho U' Ming took the chair.

The Directors submitted to the shareholders the general balance sheet and statement of profit and loss account for the year ending June 30th, 1924.

The net profit for the year, including \$5,223.45 brought forward from last year, amounts to \$44,162.20. A 2 per cent. dividend was declared, which would absorb \$23,553.61, the remainder to be put into General Reserve and carried forward to next year. After the election of Directors and Auditors for next year, the meeting was adjourned.

COMPANY REPORT. P. AND O. COMPANY.

The accounts for the year ended September 30th show that after providing for depreciation, there is a credit balance on the year's accounts, including £101,873 brought forward from last year, of £1,072,987. The Directors propose:—3 p.c. dividend on the preferred stock (of which 2½ p.c. paid as int. div., 12 p.c. dividend on the deferred stock, free of income tax (of which 6 p.c. paid as int. div.), reserve for redemption debenture stock, £250,150; write off discount on debenture issue, £139,711; forward to next year, £101,033.

Under particulars dealing with the Fleet as to sales and new tonnage launched and building it is noted that the small feeder steamer which appears in the list of fleet as the *Bulan* has been delivered at Singapore, and with the *Mala Hari*, which has been transferred from the British India Company, is performing a regular feeder service each week between Singapore and Penang and other Straits ports.

Directors.—To fill the vacancy created by the death of Sir Duncan Carmichael, the Right Hon. Viscount Churchill has been nominated. The directors greatly regret the death of one of the auditors, Mr. William Francis Courthope. Col. Sir Robert Williams, Bart., was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Company's Properties.—The new office at the corner of St. Mary's is now completed, and fully occupied. The remodelling of the old office in Leadenhall Street will be taken in hand as soon as a suitable opportunity occurs. The property previously known as "The Old Agency House" at Hongkong, situated in Des Voeux Road, has been advantageously sold, as it is not now required, our new office building facing the harbour being ready for occupation. The new building is of seven stories, admirably adapted for commercial purposes. The difference realised by the sale of the old building and the amount at which it stood in the books has been applied to a reduction of the book value of the other properties.

War Memorial.—Altogether 255 members of the sea and land staff of the P. & O. Company gave their lives during the Great War, and as a permanent record of their sacrifice a memorial has been installed in the office, outside the Board Room, and was unveiled by the chairman in July last.

General.—Trade conditions in all the company's spheres of operation have been very difficult during the last twelve months. Labour conditions have not improved. Indications of a year ago of a slight improvement in outward trade have not materialised, and latterly the war in China has affected both outward and homebound business with the Far East.

Passenger business continues satisfactory. The Mail Service has been carried on during the past year under some difficulty owing to the loss by enemy action of many of our fine ships; but next year there is every prospect of a reversion to the full pre-war schedule on all lines. The directors feel compelled to state that but for the conservative policy adopted in the past, it would not have been possible to propose the dividend paid last year, and which they now suggest for the year ended September 30th, 1924.

RISING TRADE. EXPECTED TEXTILE BOOM.

The last of the huge surplus war stocks of textiles, says a Glasgow message in the *Daily Telegraph* of November 17th, has been disposed of by large shipments overseas. The complete clearance of these stocks, which have so long hung over the home markets, is expected to bring out large and valuable orders to home mills long held in abeyance. In point of fact, a boom is now confidently anticipated in home textile centres. Amongst the recent disposals were 15,000,000 yards of flannel, 5,000,000 yards of suit linings, 4,000,000 yards of serges and tweeds, 1,500,000 yards of light canvas cloths, and tons of thousands of men's suitings.

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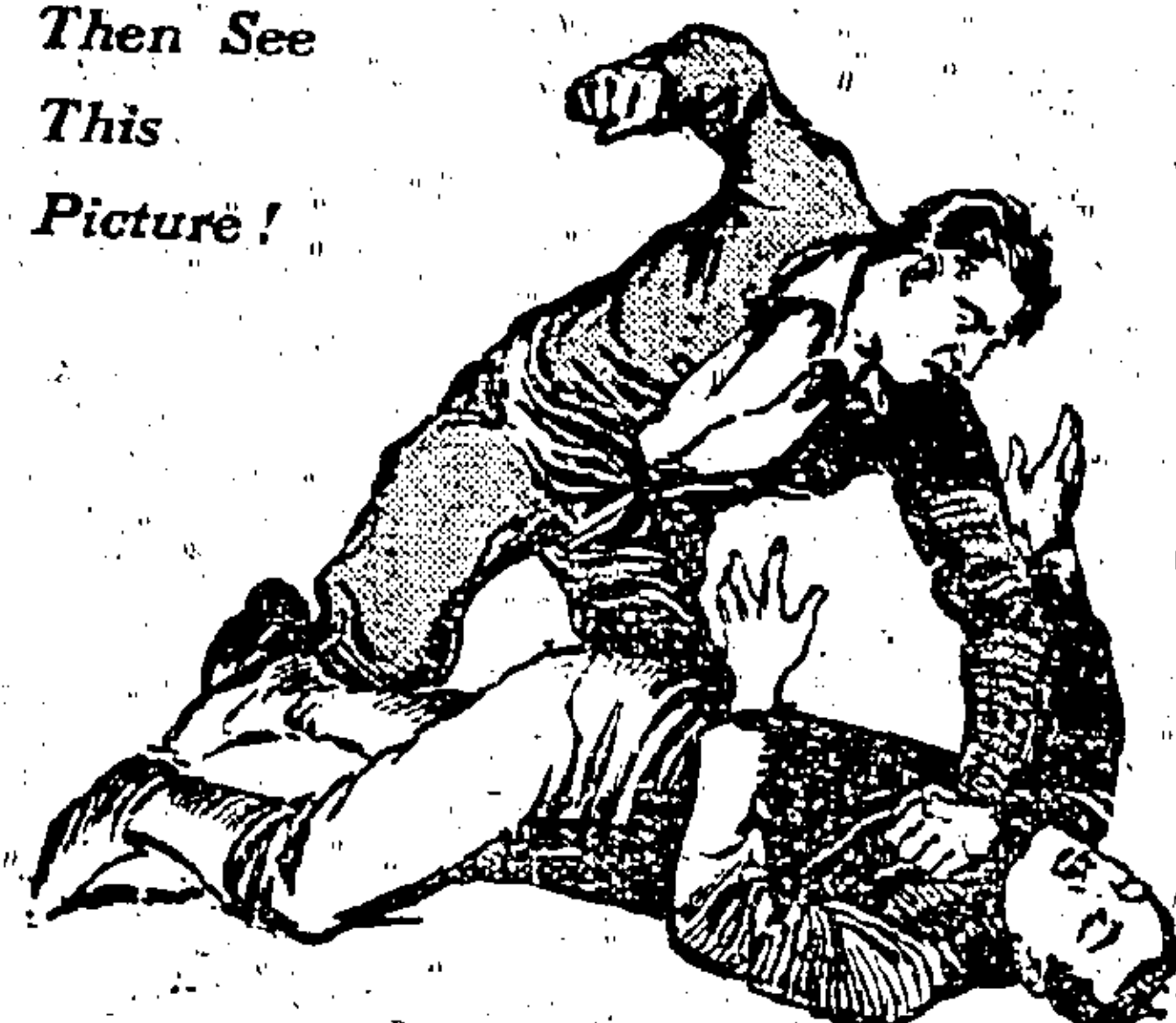
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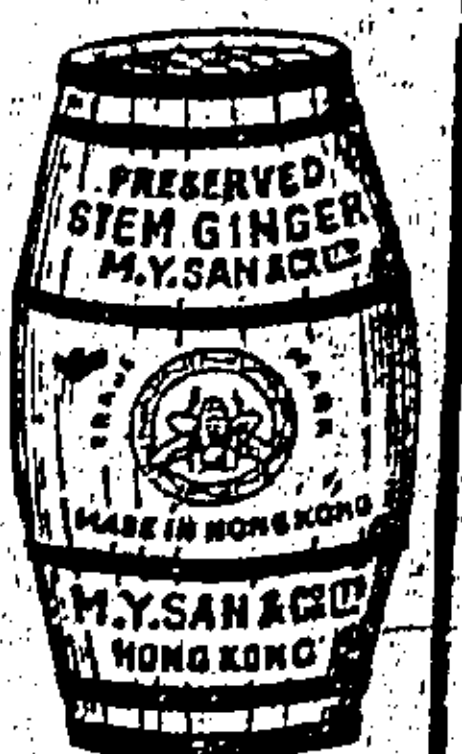
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SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

THE LEAGUE: DIV. I.

C.R.C. v. K.C.C.

A drawn game was played between the Chinese Recreation Club and Kowloon on the former's ground. The visitors only played nine men, but managed to score a very creditable 171 for six. The Chinese knocked up 82 for nine and the match was drawn.

Scores:—

C.R.C.		K.C.C.	
A. W. Ramsay, c Chao, b Ng Sze	3	S. Jex, b Ng Sze Kwong	9
S. Jex, b Ng Sze Kwong	9	E. C. Wittichell, c Ng Sze Kwong	1
E. C. Wittichell, c Ng Sze Kwong	1	b Ching, not out	85
b Ching, not out	85	Geo. Lee, not out	3
Geo. Lee, not out	3	J. Fraser, b Ching	11
J. Fraser, b Ching	11	J. C. Lyal, c Yung, b Ching	22
J. C. Lyal, c Yung, b Ching	22	F. Goodwin, c Chao, b Ng Sze	27
F. Goodwin, c Chao, b Ng Sze	27	K. R. Macaskill, not out	0
K. R. Macaskill, not out	0	Extras	11

Total (for 6 wks. dec.)...171

H. Overly did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.		C.R.C.	
Ng Sze Kwong	14	2	61
Ching	10	2	47
H. Hung	5	0	32

Bowling Analysis.		K.C.C.	
A. N. Other, b Goodwin	0		
C. Chon, b Lyal	3		
W. Hung, b Lyal	0		
Ng Sze Kwong, b Goodwin	14		
P. S. Wong, b Lyal	0		
H. C. Hung, b Goodwin	11		
H. L. Yung, run out	5		
K. L. Chau, b Lee	23		
H. Ching, not out	8		
C. E. Wong, b Lee	0		
Wan Ja Shing, not out	4		
Extras	14		

Total (for 9 wickets).....82

Bowling Analysis.		K.C.C.	
Goodwin	14	6	24
Lyal	13	5	37
Lee	4	1	16
Wittichell	1	0	1
Fraser	2	2	0

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

CLUB v. NAVY.

The two days' match between the H.K.C.C. and the Navy finished on Saturday in a win for the Navy men. Lively cricket was seen, when the R.N. eleven were set to obtain 206 in their fourth innings. Wauchope was badly cut over the eye by a ball that ran up his bat, and retired hurt. A feature of the innings was Jotham's 100 (not out).

Scores:—

H.K.C.C.		1st Innings.	
R. E. A. Webster, c Jotham, b Hogg	37	Rev. E. K. Quick, at Livock, b Hogg	51
Rev. E. K. Quick, at Livock, b Hogg	51	T. E. Pearce, c Cantrell, b Evans	24
T. E. Pearce, c Cantrell, b Evans	24	Q. R. More, c Evans, b Hogg	53
Q. R. More, c Evans, b Hogg	53	H. Hancock, c Hayer, b Hogg	13
H. Hancock, c Hayer, b Hogg	13	H. Owen Hughes, b Hogg	22
H. Owen Hughes, b Hogg	22	A. E. Wood, c Jotham, b Cantrell	2
A. E. Wood, c Jotham, b Cantrell	2	A. C. I. Bowker, b Cantrell	7
A. C. I. Bowker, b Cantrell	7	E. B. Reed, not out	8
E. B. Reed, not out	8	W. Galloway, b Cantrell	5
W. Galloway, b Cantrell	5	F. N. Young, b Cantrell	14
F. N. Young, b Cantrell	14	Extras	23

Total.....271

Bowling Analysis.		Navy	
Cantrell	20	2	52
Hargreaves	3	0	14
Evans	5	0	25
Hogg	17	3	75
Hayer	13	1	72

THE NAVY.		1st Innings.	
Lt.-Col. Jotham, c Galloway, b Bowker	4	Fit. Lt. Livock, c Young, b Reed	166
Fit. Lt. Livock, c Young, b Reed	166	Lt. Wauchope, b Bowker	23
Lt. Wauchope, b Bowker	23	Mid. Evans, c Reed, b Quick	1
Mid. Evans, c Reed, b Quick	1	Mid. Stephenson, lb.w., b Quick	0
Mid. Stephenson, lb.w., b Quick	0	Pay-Lt. Cdr. Hargreaves, b Quick	9
Pay-Lt. Cdr. Hargreaves, b Quick	9	Lt. Hayer, b Quick	1
Lt. Hayer, b Quick	1	Lt.-Col. Cantrell, b Reed	18
Lt.-Col. Cantrell, b Reed	18	Lt. Gush, c Hancock, b Bowker	5
Lt. Gush, c Hancock, b Bowker	5	Lt. Nicholson, c and b Reed	18
Lt. Nicholson, c and b Reed	18	Pay-Lt. Hogg, not out	5
Pay-Lt. Hogg, not out	5	Extras	7

Total.....168

Bowling Analysis.		Navy	
Bowker	22	4	75
Reed	17	4	38
Quick	10	1	54
Young	3	0	14
Owen Hughes	3	0	12

H.K.C.C.		2nd Innings.	
Rev. E. K. Quick, c Jotham, b Cantrell	6	R. E. A. Webster, c Hayer, b Hogg	14
R. E. A. Webster, c Hayer, b Hogg	14	T. E. Pearce, lb.w., b Hogg	3
T. E. Pearce, lb.w., b Hogg	3	G. R. More, at Livock, b Cantrell	1
G. R. More, at Livock, b Cantrell	1	H. Hancock, not out	60
H. Hancock, not out	60	H. Owen Hughes, c Hayer, b Hogg	6
H. Owen Hughes, c Hayer, b Hogg	6	A. E. Wood, c and b Hogg	8
A. E. Wood, c and b Hogg	8	E. B. Reed, c Hargreaves, b Cantrell	6
E. B. Reed, c Hargreaves, b Cantrell	6	A. C. I. Bowker, c and b Hogg	3
A. C. I. Bowker, c and b Hogg	3	W. Galloway, c Livock, b Cantrell	4
W. Galloway, c Livock, b Cantrell	4	F. N. Young, b Cantrell	9
F. N. Young, b Cantrell	9	Extras	15

Total.....132

Bowling Analysis.		Navy	
Cantrell	20	3	29
Hogg	19	1	78

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NAVY.

2nd Innings.

Lt.-Col. Jotham, not out	100
Fit. Lt. Livock, b Young	50
Lt. Wauchope, retired hurt	1
Mid. Stephenson, b Young	13
Lt. Hayer, b Young	0
Pay-Lt. Cdr. Hargreaves, run out	20
Lt. Gush, not out	7
Extras	26

Total (for 5 wickets).....217

Bowling Analysis.		Navy	
Bowker	13	3	60
Reed	18	1	43
Quick	10	0	34
More	5	0	25
Young	9	2	29

C.S.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

1st Innings.

H. N. Balhatchet, b Baker	8
L. E. Yeow, c Edmunds, b Ling	3
B. P. Ng, lb.w., b Ling	4
A. Hoalim, c Lawrence, b Pendered	21
T. O. Yeow, b Evans	34
S. O. Shababudin, c Lockhart	3
Smith, b Evans	9
M. B. Osman, b Evans	0
R. A. Ponsbury-Fane, lb.w., b Edmunds	6
Edmunds, lb.w., b Evans	10
H. Y. Leong, not out	5
Extras	38

Total.....138

Bowling Analysis.		C.S.C.C.	
Ling	5	0	23
Baker	7	1	31
Evans	8	3	32
Pendered	5	1	23
Edmunds	2	0	1

2nd Innings.

F. E. Lawrence, c Sub, b Balhatchet	13
T. D. E. Pendered, b Balhatchet	2
B. O. Evans, b Balhatchet	2
E. C. Fircher, b Balhatchet	14
F. Baker, run out	14
H. G. Wallington, c Balhatchet, b Shababudin	2
Shababudin	13
H. E. Strange, c Sub, b Shababudin	13
A. R. Sutherland, not out	58
W. H. Edmunds, c Sub, b Yeoh	4
P. J. Ling, not out	6
Extras	15

Total (for 8 wickets).....141

Bowling Analysis.		C.S.C.C.	
Balhatchet	10	1	34
Shababudin	4	0	38
Hoalim	3	1	19
T. E. Yeoh	5	0	19
T. O. Yeow	2	0	22

C.C.C. v. T.R.C.

1st Innings.

A. C. Reed, b Grimes	43
E. Hamson, c McNillie, b Fincher	15
B. W. Bradbury, b Moore	0
S. Abbas, c McNillie, b Fincher	34
M. Pinna, c Finney, b Grimes	8
A. Kitchell, b Moore	18
E. Mow Fung, b Fincher	12
H. M. Xavier, not out	8
Extras	11

Total (for 7 wks. dec.).....149

Bowling Analysis.		T.R.C.	
Fincher	14	3	55
Moore	10	2	48
Young	1	0	12
Grimes	4	0	23

2nd Innings.

E. Fircher, run out	9
J. Finney, b Bradbury	8
G. Gerrard, b Musket	2
T. Grimes, c Xavier, b Reed	42
D. McNillie, c Hamson, b Bradbury	1
E. Moore, c Kitchell, b Abbas	30
G. McLeod, not out	11
T. Young, not out	2
Extras	10

Total (for 6 wickets).....115

Bowling Analysis.		T.R.C.	
Bradbury	7	0	41
Musket	6	0	26
Reed	5	0	20
Abbas	6	1	17
Pinna	2	1	1

K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. R.E.

1st Innings.

Sgt. Cockell, run out	23
Sgt. Hollands, c Rerton, b Gervin	18
Opl. Blondin, b Hendle	61
Taylor, b Rerton	0
Crabtree, c and b Hendle	13
Binn, b Hendle	10
C.S.M. Smith, c Rerton, b Gervin	1
C.S.M. Horspool, not out	7
Extras	7

Total (for 7 wks. dec.).....123

Bowling Analysis.		R.E.	
Cantrell	20	3	29
Hogg	19	1	78

2nd Innings.

Q.M.S. Jacob and Sgt. Jones did not bat.	
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Bowling Analysis.

Bowling Analysis.		R.E.	
Cantrell	20	3	29
Hogg	19	1	78

3rd Innings.

Q.M.S. Jacob and Sgt. Jones did not bat.	
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Bowling Analysis.

Bowling Analysis.		R.E.	
Cantrell	20	3	29
Hogg	19	1	78

Bowling Analysis.

Bowling Analysis.		R.E.	
Gervin	11	3	23
Petheram	3	1	20
Raven	1	1	24
Hendle	0	0	25
Earnshaw	2	0	13
Masters	1	0	11

K.C.C. 2nd XI.

1st Innings.

A. A. Dand, c Cockell, b Smith	24
J. C. Long, b Smith	3
W. F. J. Gervin, b Jacob	1
R. J. P. Masters, c Blondin, b Cockell	43
C. Earnshaw, c Horspool, b Jacob	43
E. J. Edwards, b Crabtree	0
J. H. Hendle, c Holland, b Smith	30
E. C. Rerton, not out	17
Extras	4

Total (for 7 wickets).....148

2nd Innings.

O. B. Raven, E. J. Jordan and B. Petheram did not bat.	
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Bowling Analysis.

Bowling Analysis.		K.C.C.	
Jacob	15	3	47
Smith	7	2	52
Cockell	3	0	19
Crabtree	3	0	15
Jones	2	0	11

UNIVERSITY v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

1st Innings.

D. McNicol, c Sudan, b Lam	36
M. M. Watson, b Lam	2
G. E. Piercy, b Sudan	52
H. Spicer, b Sudan	4
L. E. Ralph, c Ong, b Lam	6
J. F. Burger, b Lam	15
H. J. Stevenson, c Sudan, b Zimmern	5
T. L. Jenkins, b Zimmern	10
R. F. Walker, c Zimmern, b Sudan	10
W. R. Cornaby, not out	2
B. M. Macalpine, run out	5
Extras	13

Total.....160

Bowling Analysis.		H.K.C.C.	
Lam	15	3	73
Sudan	10	0	59
Zimmern	6	1	16

UNIVERSITY.

1st Innings.

E. Zimmern, b Macalpine	0
A. T. M. Barma, c Argy, b Cornaby	6
W. H. Sling, b Macalpine	0
C. W. Lam, c Jenkins, b Macalpine	10
B. N. Sudan, b Macalpine	0
C. H. Ong, c Walker, b Cornaby	0
F. Karanjia, c McNicol, b Cornaby	0
J. Tajima, run out	5
H. T. L. Barma, b Macalpine	0
F. Hipoola, c Stevenson, b Macalpine	0
Y. F. Fenton, not out	0
Extras	5

Total.....28

Bowling Analysis.		H.K.C.C.	
Macalpine	6	2	10
Cornaby	6	1	11

NAVY v. I.R.C.

1st Innings.

A drawn match took place. The Royal Navy met the Indian Club, on the former's ground. Scores:—

NAVY.
1st Innings.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on THURSDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1925.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1924. [1653]

NOTICE.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA, E.C.

THE FORTY-NINTH REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China will be held on MONDAY, the 29th DECEMBER, at 9.15 P.M. Pastmaster.
All M.M. are invited to Attend. [1655]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1924. [1651]

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 15th January, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd January, at 10 A.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., General Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1924. [1650]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd January, 1925, will be subject to Rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 17th January, 1925, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1924. [1652]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "KALYAN."

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 27th DECEMBER, 1924.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORTSAID, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd January, 1925, will be subject to Rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 17th January, 1925, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on Mondays and Thursdays.
All Claims must be presented within Ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1924. [1656]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE CATHEDRAL HALL.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1925, at 9 P.M.

THE HONGKONG MALE VOICE CHOIR. Assisted by Prominent Local Artists.

CONDUCTOR—MR. STANLEY COLLETT. TICKETS—\$2 and \$1 at ANDERSON'S.

PROCEEDS IN AID OF ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL FUNDS. [1657]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1925.

ENTRIES for the Forthcoming Races Close on SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1925, at 3 P.M., and must be sent to the SECRETARY, c/o LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE ASSURANCE CO., LTD., at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hongkong Club, or LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE ASSURANCE CO., LTD., General Managers. [1653]

NOTICE.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

WE beg to give Notice that A Call of \$1 Per Share has been made upon all Members holding Shares upon which only \$1 has been paid and that the same will be payable to the Bankers of the Company, the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation at Hongkong, on or before the 27th MARCH, 1925. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. [1659]

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ONE Certificate for 500 Shares Nos. 48001/48500 inclusive in this Company, standing in the Name of the Late GEORGE HERRING, has been LOST; and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above Certificate not be forthcoming, Another Certificate for the said Shares will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. [1573]

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THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY, at 5.30 P.M.

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Prof. DANENBERG in 2 Piano Works.

TICKETS—\$3, \$2, \$1.

At ANDERSON'S. [1646]

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, the 22nd inst., requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter. Goods remaining undelivered after Monday, the 29th instant, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.
All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Wednesday, the 31st inst., or they will not be recognized.
All damaged Packages will be examined on Monday, the 29th instant, at 10.00 a.m., by Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
R. RODENFUESS, Agent.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1924. [1638]

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BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, January to June, 1924.

Price—\$7.50.

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&c., &c., &c.

With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come;

And let my liver rather heat with wine,

Than my heart cool with mortifying groans.

Why should a man whose blood is warm within,

Sit like his grandsire cut in alabaster?

Sleep when he wakes? And creep into the jaundice

By being peevish?

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,

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ESTABLISHED 34 YEARS.

BIRTH.

COLLACO.—At Hongkong, on the 20th December, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. V. M. COLLACO, of the C.M. Customs, Lappa, a son.

MARRIAGES.

BROWN—HONES.—At Shanghai, on Dec. 22nd, Lieut. SYDNEY BROWN, R.N., of H.M.S. "Petersfield," to Iris, the only daughter of Mrs. A. O. HONES, of Shanghai.

EVANS—RICHARDS.—At Shanghai, on Dec. 20th, 1924, MINNIS HAWTHORNE EVANS, younger daughter of the late Capt. R. S. RANSOME, O.B.E., Carnarvon, Wales, to JOHN ARTHUR RICHARDS, of Berkeley, Cal.

DEATHS.

MARTIN.—At Sutton, Surrey, on December 18th, NEIL LIVINGSTONE MARTIN, late of Shanghai. (By cable.)

RACINE.—At Paris, on December 22nd, GEORGE RACINE, aged 63 years, Chairman of Racine & Co., S.A.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. T. MURPHY, on behalf of his family, wishes to express thanks to his Superintendents and the members of the Police Force and all the friends of the late James Murphy for their messages of sympathy and floral tributes on the occasion of their bereavement; and especially the eminent medical and nursing staff of the Government Civil Hospital for their kindness, care and attention during his illness.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 29th, 1924.

SCAREMONGERING.

We do not imagine that anybody in the Far East who follows at all closely the trend of politics in this part of the world has paid the slightest heed to the recent scaremongering regarding the present relations between Japan and the United States. At all events, they will place no credence whatever on the suggestion that there is danger of an armed conflict between the two Powers. The story has an American origin, and it is the London correspondent of the "New York World" recently alleged, there is

"an under-current of anxiety in high quarters regarding the Far East," it is safe to say that it does not exist by reason of any suspicion of Japan. The story that Japan objected to a proposed visit of the American Fleet after the projected manoeuvres off Hawaii next year, has been officially declared in Japan to be without foundation, while the American Government seems eminently satisfied with the relations subsisting between Japan and the United States. It has been authoritatively declared at Washington that there are no Japan-American issues outstanding. This we are told, supported by the recent expressions of Baron HAYASHI, the Japanese Ambassador in London, and Mr. MATSU-DAIRA, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, deprecating jingoism, sums up the confidence felt by the American Administration in the preservation of Japanese friendship. According to a dispatch which has reached Japan regarding the reception of the new Japanese Ambassador to Washington, Mr. HUGHES is entirely at a loss to understand what has led to the recent scaremongering. He is reported in the cable to have described the relations between the two countries as "unprecedentedly satisfactory." The measures taken by Japan in the matter of naval disarmament appears to have pleased the American Government, no less than the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Siberia, the retrocession of Tsingtao to China, the announcement of the open-door policy vis-à-vis of China, the abandonment of Japan's special sphere of influence in China as a result of the abrogation of the Ishii-Lansing Agreement, and the cancellation of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. According to the report cabled to Tokyo of the speech delivered by Mr. HUGHES when officially welcoming Mr. MATSU-DAIRA, he found nothing to quarrel with even in the attitude Japan has taken in connection with the American immigration question. That is the one question on which any "soreness" can be supposed to exist on Japan's part, and it certainly cannot be said that this question remains so acute as to justify any suggestion that a conflict in the Pacific is in contemplation. That the suspicion exists in America is evidenced by speeches made whenever a discussion on Japanese-American relations arises in the House of Representatives. Only a week ago a Democrat in the House, who was himself satisfied that the foreign affairs of the United States are being handled by President COOLIDGE and Mr. HUGHES "in a dignified and sensible way" was provoked to counsel members of Congress that the best thing they could do would be to "keep their mouths shut." We may be sure that if there existed any justification for anxiety or alarm, the American Government would not be slow to tell the people. The view of the Japanese Ambassador in London is that the relations between Japan and the United States are "never more cordial than they are to-day." That may be so, in so far as the attitude of the two Governments are concerned, but there certainly have been times when it could be said that the attitude of the people of Japan has been more cordial towards the people and Government of the United States than it is to-day. However, we can safely be guided in our judgment of the political relations between the two countries by the mutually satisfactory assurances which the respective Governments are able to give. We have had the somewhat fantastic suggestion that events in the East, such as an alleged drift towards Soviet-Japanese friendship, are forcing Great Britain and the United States to group themselves against the Eastern Powers and Russia, but we venture to think that in the lifetime of the present generation there is not likely to arise any need for a grouping of the Powers very different from that which exists to-day.

Mr. G. M. Young, Manager of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, left on the "Sapperton" for Shanghai on Saturday.

By amendments to the Traffic Regulations notified in the Government Gazette, the five-cent fares for rickshaws are abolished.

Mr. Robert Gordon Robertson, whose disappearance had caused some anxiety, returned to his friends on Friday, according to a Police report.

The Christmas mail brought by the s.s. "Kulaga" was in the hands of the Parcel Department by about five o'clock on Saturday. There were more than two thousand parcels.

A Chinese woman who was taken to the Government Civil Hospital from No. 30, Des Voeux Road West, suffering from poison alleged to have been self-administered, died shortly after admission.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, the Government Analyst for Hongkong, returned to the Colony on the s.s. "Kulaga" on Saturday. While in England he was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain.

The late Mr. H. Hyndman, who died at Macao on December 28th, at the age of 96, served the East India Company, like his father before him. Mr. Hyndman was well-known in Hongkong. He leaves two sons—Mr. H. Hyndman, jun., of Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd., and Mr. P. Hyndman, of Shanghai—and three daughters.

A London contemporary mentions that the son of Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Edward Ho Tung, remains in England another year to undergo a series of instructional courses. He has taken up clerical and departmental duties in the Guaranty Trust of N.Y., Lombard-street, and has entered the London School of Economics as an evening student.

His Majesty's Consul at Tamsui (Mr. G. H. Phipps) has informed the Department of Overseas Trade that the final figures for the first rice crop of Formosa for 1924 are 2,880,020 koku, or 14,779,409 bushels. This shows an advance over the first crop of 1923, and is 18 per cent. in excess of the average for the last five years and constitutes a "record." The value is placed at Y.56,230,374.

The report of the governing body of the School of Oriental Studies, London Institution, for the year ended July 31st last states that 375 students (including 133 women) attended during the session, 1923-24, compared with 400 students in 1922-23. Instruction was given in 37 subjects. It is stated that although the number of Army officers taking courses in the school continues to be small, those who took up the study of Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Turkish during the session showed themselves eager to profit by the opportunities of study afforded by the War Office Course.

AT THE THEATRE.

WISH WYNNE COMPANY'S OPENING PERFORMANCE.

The inimitable Wish Wynne and her talented company of entertainers gave their first performance in the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening. Owing to heavy weather in the China sea, the ship by which they travelled up from Singapore did not arrive until about 5 p.m., and consequently the Company were unable to make adequate preparations for the opening performance. The bookings for the evening had been large, and rather than disappoint the public by a postponement, they gave their entertainment without an orchestra and without any attractive stage setting. These little deficiencies, however, were cheerfully overlooked by the large audience who applauded the performers rapturously and demanded many encores.

Wish Wynne, the star of the Company, greatly entertained the house with her character studies, of a Cockney school girl, a country girl, an aspirant for cinema fame, and many others. Theatre audiences in the East embrace people of many nationalities that one is disposed to wonder beforehand whether the character sketches which have won fame in the entertainment palaces at home would evoke the same appreciation here, but the hearty applause which followed each of the little study left no doubt in the mind that Wish Wynne's wonderful art of interpretation had captivated all beholders, though we may well suppose that those familiar with the types she portrayed enjoyed her "impressions" the most.

The entertainment given by the Company is a varied one, calculated to appeal to all tastes. Mr. Alfred Cunningham, who has a magnificent baritone voice, is a feast in himself. It is seldom, indeed, that Hongkong has the opportunity of listening to a singer of his quality. His songs included old favourites like "The Arrow and the Song" (to Balfe's setting), "Simon the Cellarer," "Mary, go and call the cattle home," and selections from popular operas all given with very fine effect.

Other contributors to the programme were Gwen Adeler, "the Dainty Singer of Dainty Songs," Harold Walden, who delighted the house with a medley of vocal and instrumental humour, and Zoe, an accomplished dancer, who entertained the house with eccentric dances. Complete changes of programme are announced for Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CARGO OF GUNPOWDER EXPLODES AT OTARU.

TOKYO, December 27th.

It is reported from Otaru that a cargo of gunpowder which was being unloaded at the pier-side exploded. Many casualties were caused when the fire started. It is spreading towards the city. Further details are not at present known.

LATER.

The explosion at Otaru occurred in the compound of the station where 865 cases of dynamite were being unloaded. All of them exploded owing to one box dropping in the station. The coal and goods yards were set on fire, and several lighters were sunk, and buildings in the neighbourhood were shattered. The casualties at present known are:—

Killed 50

Seriously injured 50

Slightly injured 280

REPORT OF THE JAPANESE UPPER HOUSE.

TOKYO, December 27th.

This evening in the Diet, Mr. Yokota, the Minister of Justice, announced that the Government's Bill for the reform of the House of Peers will be introduced during the session. This announcement followed a threat by the Seiyukai rank and file to introduce a resolution demanding the reform of the Upper House.

LATER.

Mr. Yokota's announcement in the Diet late last night has warded off a somewhat embarrassing situation for the Government.

The "Diehard" section of the Seiyukai was apparently disappointed with the Government's indefinite assurances regarding reform of the House of Peers, and are determined push their proposals for such reform, despite the advice of the leaders. It was their intention to move a resolution demanding urgent consideration of a measure of reform, which resolution would probably have had the support of the opposition groups, and, if carried, would have been virtually a vote of non-confidence in the Government, besides splitting the coalition because the Kenseikai were prepared to stand by the Government.

Such an incident occurring at the outset of the session on a day usually devoted to mere formalities is regarded politically as indicating that stormy times are ahead when the real work is commenced after the recess.

"CITY OF DURHAM" DAMAGED.

PORT SAID, December 28th.

The British steamer "City of Durham," from Hankow to London, has sustained a damaged propeller in the Suez Canal, and will probably be detained. The damage is not serious.

PORT SAID, December 27th.

The "City of Durham's" propeller has been repaired temporarily and a certificate of seaworthiness has been given for the voyage. The ship has sailed.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

MANILA CITY COUNCILLORS SUSPENDED.

MANILA, December 26th.

Governor-General Wood has suspended four members of the Manila City Council for corruption in awarding a contract for building city schools.

DOCKYARD RECREATION CLUB.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

The second of a series of bi-monthly Concerts was held in the Dockyard Recreation Club Room on Saturday evening presided over by the Chairman, Mr. J. S. Gillingham, Chief Constructor. An excellent programme, arranged by Mr. Archie Hake was provided.

The following artists appeared before a large and appreciative audience:—Mrs. W. Fleming (Soprano), Mr. P. Hagfield (Piano Solos), Mr. A. E. Peacock (Comedian), Mr. Archie Brook (Bass), Mr. Hubert Annis (Tenor), Mr. W. Gill and Mr. Chislett (Bass). Messrs. Greenham and Mitchell (Comedians) were very funny. Mrs. Alderman and Mr. Archie Hake were efficient accompanists.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]THE POWERS AND GERMANY.
A COLLECTIVE NOTE ON COLOGNE EVACUATION.

PARIS, December 27th.
The Ambassadors' Conference has unanimously decided to notify Germany of the impossibility of evacuating the Cologne zone on January 10th.

The decision will be communicated in the form of a collective note which the Ambassadors will approve at a meeting on December 31st.

The collective Note which the Allies, including Italy and Japan, will present to Germany as regards the postevacuation of the evacuation of Cologne includes a double argument—first, that the Powers are awaiting the receipt and consideration of the final report of the Control Commission which is expected at the end of January; secondly, the evidence already received of Germany's non-fulfilment of the disarmament clauses of the treaty.

STRONG ALLIANCE NEEDED.

PARIS, December 28th.
Commenting on the decision of the Conference of Ambassadors concerning the Cologne area the papers rejoice over the unanimity of the Allies, and state that the problem of French security is more urgent than ever. The *Journal* says the decision of the Ambassadors binds the Allies to admit that only force can render Germany powerless and that the sole guarantee against aggression consists of a strong alliance.

PARIS PAPERS HALL EVIDENCE OF UNITY.

PARIS, December 28th.
Commenting on the decision of the Ambassadors' Conference with regard to the evacuation of Cologne, the newspapers express gratification at the evidence of Allied unity and declare that the French concessions to Germany during the last eight months have given the French Government the right claim security.

A REPORT BY GENERAL NOLLET.

PARIS, December 27th.
Details have now been published of the alleged text of the report dated April 24th, 1924, by General Nollet, ex-President of the Inter-Allied Commission for the military control of Germany, now Minister of War. It sets forth a number of points in which Germany is not observing the treaty in its military aspects and declares that the Organisation of a great general staff had attained pre-war proportions, as also had the military organisation of railways and the training of various divisions of arms on the same intensive scale and intended as preparation for war. It alleges that no account had been taken of the restrictions regarding aviation, tanks, and poison gas.

FRENCH PRESS ANNOYED WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

PARIS, December 28th.
Several newspapers criticise the action of the Government in prosecuting the *Devoir* for publishing General Nollet's report. It is stated that probably the Press associations will protest against the terms of the charge against the *Devoir* and the description of its publication of the report as an act of espionage.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF FRANCE.

PARIS, December 27th.
A statement on the financial condition of France which has been issued by the Finance Minister shows that while the national debt at the end of 1912 was 22,594 million francs it is now 725,500 million francs. The foreign debt is now 36 billion francs, being an increase of 330 per cent. since the outbreak of war.

A WOMEN'S REVENGE.

PARIS, December 27th.
The woman, stated to be the widow of an American, who was arrested outside the Russian Embassy (reported on the 12th inst.), has been sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment, and to be deported afterwards.

[The earlier cable said: "A Russian woman armed with a revolver, who is alleged to have declared her intention of killing M. Krassin out of revenge for the execution of her family by Bolsheviks, was arrested outside the Russian Embassy and sent to gaol on a charge of illegal possession of arms."]

OBITUARY.

PARIS, December 28th.
The death is announced of M. Leon Bakst, the painter.

[By the death of M. Bakst, whose rise to fame of late years has been mainly achieved by his delightful settings and designs for theatrical productions in all the great cities of the world, Art in general and the Theatre in particular have suffered a heavy loss.]

LATEST CABLES.

HOME FOOTBALL.

BOXING DAY MATCHES.

LONDON, December 28th.
The matches played in the various Leagues to-day resulted as under:

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Arsenal, 0; Birmingham, 1.
Aston Villa, 2; Leeds U., 1.
Cardiff C., 2; West Ham U., 1.
Huddersfield T., 2; Burnley, 0.
Liverpool, 1; Notts County, 0.
Newcastle U., 1; Everton, 1.
Notts Forest, 1; Bolton W., 1.
Preston N.E., 3; Blackburn R., 3.
Sheffield U., 2; Sunderland, 1.
W. Bromwich A., 3; Manchester C., 1.

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION II.

Barnsley, 0; Stockport C., 1.
Blackpool, 2; The Wednesday, 2.
Bradford City, 1; Stoke, 0.
Crystal Palace, 1; Portsmouth, 0.
Derby County, 1; Oldham A., 0.
Hull City, 2; Clapton O., 1.
Manchester U., 2; Middlesbrough, 0.
Port Vale, 1; Leicester City, 2.
Southampton, 1; Fulham, 0.
Wolves, 0; Chelsea, 1.

DIVISION III: SOUTHERN.

Brentford, 1; Charlton A., 0.
Brighton and H.A., 1; Bristol R., 0.
Bristol C., 0; Swansea T., 0.
Exeter C., 3; Plymouth A., 0.
Luton Town, 0; Watford, 3.
Merthyr T., 3; Aberdare A., 1.
Newport C., 2; Bournemouth and B.A., 0.
Northampton, 0; Millwall, 2.
Norwich C., 5; Queen's Park R., 0.
Reading, 1; Swindon Town, 1.
Southend U., 4; Gillingham, 0.

DIVISION III: NORTHERN.

Barrow, 3; Accrington S., 1.
Chesterfield, 0; Nelson, 1.
Crewe A., 2; Rochdale, 0.
Doncaster R., 1; Bradford, 0.
Lincoln C., 1; Halifax T., 1.
New Brighton, 1; Tranmere R., 0.
Walsall, 2; Grimsby T., 0.
Wigan B., 0; Hartlepool U., 0.
Wrexham, 2; Southport, 3.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

LONDON, December 27th.
The results of the games played to-day were as follow:

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Arsenal, 2; Notts F., 1.
Blackburn R., 2; Sheffield U., 2.
Bolton W., 3; Tottenham H., 0.
Everton, 2; Birmingham, 1.
Huddersfield T., 0; Newcastle U., 0.
Notts C., 0; West Bromwich A., 2.
Preston N.E., 3; West Ham U., 2.
Sunderland 2; Leeds U., 1.

The following matches were postponed owing to the grounds being water-logged:
Aston Villa v. Liverpool, Cardiff City v. Burnley, and Manchester City v. Bury.

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION II.

Barnsley, 1; Middlesbrough, 0.
Aston O., 1; Blackpool, 0.
Coveントリー C., 0; Chelsea, 3.
Fulham, 1; Bradford C., 1.
Hull City, 1; Derby County, 1.
Leicester C., 3; Manchester U., 0.
Oldham A., 1; Southampton, 1.
Portsmouth, 1; S. Shields, 0.
Wednesday, 0; Crystal Palace, 1.
Stoke, 3; Stockport C., 0.
Wolves, 1; Port Vale, 0.

DIVISION III: SOUTHERN.

Brighton and H.A., 4; Brentford, 1.
Bristol C., 0; Aberdare A., 1.
Charlton A., 0; Southend U., 0.
Gillingham, 4; Luton Town, 1.
Northampton T., 1; Watford, 1.
Plymouth A., 5; Norwich C., 0.
Queen's Park R., 4; Newport C., 3.
Reading, 1; Exeter City, 1.
Swindon T., 0; Swansea T., 2.

The fixtures between Bournemouth and Millwall and between Merthyr Town and Bristol Rovers were postponed owing to the state of the grounds.

DIVISION III: NORTHERN.

Barrow, 4; Doncaster R., 0.
Bradford, 5; New Brighton, 2.
Chesterfield, 4; Ashington, 1.
Darlington, 0; Grimsby T., 0.
Lincoln C., 3; Durham C., 0.
Nelson, 1; Southport, 1.
Rotherham C., 1; Accrington S., 1.
Tranmere R., 2; Crewe A., 2.
Walsall, 3; Wigan Boro', 1.
Wrexham, 0; Halifax T., 0.

The match between Rochdale and Hartlepool, United was abandoned after thirty-five minutes' play when Rochdale were leading by 3-1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrieonians, 2; Cowdenbeath, 0.
Falkirk, 1; Third Lanark, 2.
Hamilton A., 1; Ayr United, 0.
Hearts, 5; St. Mirren, 2.
Kilmarnock, 1; Partick T., 1.
Aberdeen, 1; Dundee, 1.
Queen's Park, 1; Hibernians, 0.
Raith Rovers, 2; Celtic, 2.
Rangers, 1; Motherwell, 0.
St. Johnstone, 1; Aberdeen, 1.

CRICKET IN SOUTH AFRICA.

JOHANNESBURG, December 26th.

Under an overcast sky, 4,000 spectators watched Mr. Joel's team score 143 in their second innings against South Africa. Nupen took 5 wickets for 33 runs. In their second innings South Africa had scored 53 runs for the loss of one wicket when stumps were drawn.

"ALL BLACKS" BEAT LONDON.

LONDON, December 27th.
The "All Blacks" beat London at Blackheath by 28 points to 3.

LATEST CABLES.

AUSTRALIA WIN FIRST "TEST."

WOOLLEY'S FINE INNINGS.

SYDNEY, December 27th.
Australia won the first Test Match at 12.45 to-day by 193 runs. England's second innings score was as under:

Hobbs, c Hendry, b Mailey 57
Sutcliffe, c Gregory, b Mailey 115
Hendry, b Gregory, c Oldfield, b 0
A. P. E. Chapman, c Oldfield, b 44
Hendry, c Gregory, b Hendry 9
Woolley, c Mailey, b Gregory 123
Sandham, c Oldfield, b Mailey 2
Tate, c Ponsford, b Kelleway 0
A. E. R. Gilligan, b Kelleway 1
Freeman, not out 50
Strudwick, c Oldfield, b Hendry 2
Extras 8

Total 411

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Gregory took 2 wickets for 115
Mailey " 3 " " 179
Hendry " 2 " " 38
Kelleway " 2 " " 60
A. Richardson " 0 " " 13

Thirty-one minutes' play to-day sufficed to bring the longest Test Match in history to an end. It was one of the most remarkable matches ever played, a feature being the number of records broken. England's total of 411 is the highest ever made in the fourth innings of any Test Match, the previous best being England's 370 at Adelaide in 1921.

Woolley was in brilliant form, and played with marked grace. His dismissal came when he had been at the wicket for 146 minutes and had hit 1 six and 15 fours. When he left the score stood at 404 for 9 wickets.

Freeman played in splendid style for 55 minutes, and hit 9 fours. England batted for 6 hours and 15 minutes.

[The scores by innings were as follows: Australia, 1st innings, 450, 2nd, 432; England, 1st innings, 289, 2nd, 411. Australia thus win by 193 runs.—Ed. H.D.P.]

EARLIER CABLES.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

"AN ALTERNATIVE TO VIOLENCE."

BELGAUM, December 28th.

The subjects' committee of the Indian National Congress, by 100 votes to 10, approved the pact between Mr. Gandhi and the Swarajists suspending non-cooperation and allowing the Swarajists to represent Congress in the Legislatures.

The committee also adopted a proposal regarding the spinning of 2,000 yards of yarn monthly as a Congress franchise.

Mr. Gandhi urged all Indians to take to spinning cloth as the only alternative to violence.

The committee rejected a motion defining the Swaraj as "self-government within the Empire."

In his presidential address to the Congress, Mr. Gandhi outlined a rough scheme of the Swaraj embodying the retention of the British connection provided it is on perfectly honourable and equal terms. He declared that he would not hesitate to sever connection if Great Britain showed that, in spite of declarations to the contrary, she meant subjugation.

"Mr. Gandhi condemned both the murder of the Sirdar and the demands of Egypt."

KHILAFAT CONFERENCE.

LATER.

The Khilafat Conference passed a resolution describing the British action in Egypt as "outrageous," welcoming the success of the Rif in Morocco, and stating that the British and French support of the Spaniards would be regarded as hostility towards Islam.

The Conference also passed a resolution permitting the wearing of Indian mill cloth in the absence of hand-spun material.

INDIAN NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION.

LUCKNOW, December 26th.

At the opening of the National Liberal Federation, Paranj Pye, ex-Minister in the Bombay Government, condemned non-cooperation and the Swarajists for retarding progress under the Reform Act. He repeated the Federation's demand for the appointment of a royal commission to enquire into reforms, and he demanded that 25 per cent. of the commissions in the army be given to Indians; the proportion increasing three per cent. annually, so that at the end of 25 years all officers will be Indians.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FLIGHT OF MARSHAL CHI.

SHANGHAI, December 27th.

Marshal Chi Hsieh Yuan fled from Nanking at 4 o'clock this morning for Shanghai, on board the Tsin-Pu ferry boat Chingking.

NANKING SITUATION EASIER.

SHANGHAI, December 28th.

Chi Hsieh Yuan arrived in Shanghai to-night. The situation at Nanking is reported to be considerably eased since Chi Hsieh Yuan decided that it was useless to offer resistance to the threatened Northern expedition.

CHINESE REVENUE STAMPS.

OFFICIAL WARNING TO PROVINCES.

PEKING, December 28th.

The official *Gazette* announces that a memorial from Li Shih Hao has been approved, suggesting that the provinces should be informed they will be held strictly accountable for the remittance of revenue stamps received from the Government. A circular telegram was recently sent by the Government, warning the provinces against printing Revenue stamps and stating that a violation of this order would lead to prosecution.

YEN AS FOREIGN MINISTER?

PEKING, December 28th.

It is reported semi-officially that W. W. Yen will be appointed Foreign Minister. It seems certain that Yen will be offered the post, but it is uncertain whether he will accept.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

REHABILITATION CONFERENCE.

PEKING, December 26th.

A mandate appoints Hsu Shi Ying, former Civil Governor of Anhui, as director to carry on the preparations of the Rehabilitation Conference.

It is understood that Hsu Shi Ying will be appointed Chief Secretary of the Conference.

TIEN WEI CHIN'S RELEASE.

PEKING, December 26th.

Hu Ching Yi recently telegraphed requesting Chang Tso Lin to release Tien Wei Chin, ex-Commandant of the Twenty-Sixth Shensi Brigade.

It is reported that Chang Tso Lin is complying, and is sending Tien Wei Chin from Chinchow to Tientsin.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

CONFIDENCE AND CREDIT.

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M.P. (Director of the International Chamber of Commerce), was the guest of honour of the American Chamber of Commerce in London at luncheon on November 14th in the Hotel Cecil, and spoke on the benefit to international trade of stable government.

Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, in the course of his address, dwelt upon the importance of international trade, which, he said, could only be carried on if confidence existed among those engaged in it. Trade was carried on by credit, and that credit could not exist unless there was an assurance that the laws existing in the various countries where trade was conducted would be maintained. Nearly all the attacks made upon civilization occurred when the world was in a disintegrated and distressed condition. They followed in the wake of nearly every war. He was perfectly convinced that the effort now being made throughout the world to overcome Governments and do away with confidence and credit was going to receive its death-blow in the very near future, and he thought that Great Britain and America had led the way towards bringing this about. (Hear, hear.)

Through its presidential election America had shown the world that it was out to maintain law and order. In the recent election in this country the Conservative and Unionist party was supported, not only by those who believed in its principles, but by common sense people who desired to see a strong Government that would also maintain law and order, and put an end to interference from outside. (Hear, hear.) He believed the new Government was a strong Government, and that it would receive every help in endeavouring to reconstruct some of the countries that had been devastated by the war. If Europe would settle down, Great Britain and America could work hand in hand to restore the markets of the world. They needed to encourage a greater growth of foodstuffs, and bring down prices, and if the two countries would only pull together the world would be a great deal better in the very near future. (Hear, hear.)

ALLEGED BREACH OF TRUST.

TIS. 41,641 CLAIM BY MESSRS.

LONLEY & CO. AT

SHANGHAI.

AGAINST A FORMER DEPARTMENT MANAGER.

In the Norwegian Consular Court, at Shanghai last week, before Mr. N. Aall (Consul-General and Consular Judge for China), sitting with Messrs. E. Evensen and Brodtkorb as assessors, Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co., general merchants, commenced a civil suit against Mr. Alexander Roe Robinson, a Norwegian subject, trading as A. R. Robinson & Co., general merchants. The plaintiffs alleged a breach of trust and claimed damages amounting in all to Tis. 41,641.

Mr. M. Reader Harris appeared for the plaintiffs. Defendant was not legally represented, but intimated his desire to retain counsel.

In opening the case, Mr. Harris stated the defendant formerly was in the plaintiffs' employ as manager of their metals and sundries department. He joined on January 1st, 1921, under an agreement for three years. On September 30th, 1923, the plaintiffs gave defendant notice that his agreement would not be renewed after its expiry at the end of that year, and from the day he received their letter he appeared to have gone in for a series of what only could be called systematic frauds on his employers. Counsel said he used the word "fraud" well knowing that it was not commonly used in court unless it could be proved up to the hilt, and he proposed to offer proofs in documents actually signed by the defendant. On September 28th, defendant had ordered from Messrs. Heydemann & Co., of Bradford, 600 bales, or 120,000 lb., of hosiery yarn, through the firm's representative, Mr. D. H. Cooke, and he did it in his proper capacity as manager of his department. After receiving notice of the termination of his agreement, he went to Mr. Cooke and informed him, without any authority from the firm, that he was sorry Messrs. Loxley could not take 450 bales, but only 150 bales, and he arranged personally to take over the extra 450, keeping this entirely dark from Messrs. Loxley. These 450 he sold to dealers at 3/5, 3/4, c.i.f. and c., or prices c., or prices around those figures.

EXCHANGE CONTRACTS.

Before anything happened to the other 150 bales, some business transpired with regard to exchange contracts, in one case resulting in a loss, and the defendant, part of whose remuneration came from a percentage on profits, was very angry and remarked to Mr. Nielsen, the accountant, that he would cause the firm thousands of tens loss. Then followed deals in which the defendant purported to have sold the 150 bales, in lots of 50 bales, to three different dealers at 3/5 c.i.f. and c., which was a good price, but for some reason "cancelled" was written across the contracts and three others made out at 3/4, which also might be considered satisfactory. After defendant had left Shanghai it was discovered that the dealers' chopped copies of these contracts were missing. It was not until defendant had left the country that the dealers would show their copies and then it was found out that their contracts had been made out by defendant at Tis. 1 ex-golden, including charges, and there was no press copy of that in the office. So the firm suffered a very serious loss, in addition to the market being spoiled. Counsel contended that it was nothing but one fraud on top of another. Some of the motive could be understood since it had been ascertained that the then No. 2 in the firm of Loong Shing Chong (one of those who had received the altered contract) now is defendant's comrade. Counsel further stated that he had copies of letters written by the defendant to Messrs. Heydemann dated subsequent to the dates on which they were written and despatched, showing that he knew he was committing a breach of his agreement. Defendant also had made statements that Messrs. Loxley were having trouble with their Chinese buyers, which was a very serious matter, for it was entirely untrue.

Mr. D. H. Cooke then gave evidence and identified a number of letters and cables which passed between Messrs. Heydemann and himself. He said that the defendant made him a firm offer for 600 bales of worsted yarn and shortly afterwards told him that Messrs. Loxley were unable to confirm the order and only could "take 150, adding that he could probably fix up after he started on his own account in January. He more or less bespoke the other 450."

A MATTER OF CONFIDENCE?

When shown one letter, Mr. Cooke raised an objection, saying that he considered it privileged, as it was a letter between an agent and his principal. Mr. Harris replied that this particular letter and others came from Messrs. Loxley in London, who had secured them from their friends to be used in connection with these proceedings.

Mr. Cooke said that in the letter he asked his principals to treat the matter with the utmost confidence, but it was not because the defendant at that time still was in Messrs. Loxley's employ.

(Continued in next column.)

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

THE "CHI FA" GAMBLE.

"Chi Fa," a form of gambling in Canton in which wagers as low as one Chinese copper cash are accepted, which has always had bad effect on children and servant boys and girls who would take a chance to win 30 by losing only 1, is to be revived by the Army Headquarters in consideration for a daily protection fee of \$2,000, according to the vernacular press. Dr. Sun permitted this form of gambling for a time in 1923, but on appeals of some leading guilds in Canton, it was prohibited. "Chi Fa" because of its hold on the old and the young alike and the small wagers possible, had not been officially sanctioned since the Republic until the last return of Dr. Sun Yat Sen to Canton in the Spring of 1923. It is understood that a protest will be wired to Dr. Sun against the revival of "Chi Fa" gambling.

THE RED FLAG.

The Kuomintang Bolsheviks in Canton, in explaining their insistence on using the red flag in place of the five-coloured flag of the Republic of China, say that the red flag for China was adopted during the First Revolution and that the five-colour one was afterward put up by some people in Shanghai without Dr. Sun's sanction. They also add that during the 13 years of the five-colour flag, China has made no progress. The Kuomintang is not changing the national flag, they claim. The Cantonese appear to have associated the present reign of terror in Canton and the flying of the red flag with Bolshevism. The several denials trying to disassociate Dr. Sun and the Bolsheviks do not seem to have much effect on the Cantonese. Canton shops are generally preparing to pay the five dollar fine for not displaying the red flag on January 1st next.

ILLICIT MINTS.

It is said that altogether there are at least 32 illicit mints in Canton and vicinity. For a time the Kuomintang held the monopoly of coining 20-cent silver pieces, but they were very low in standard, and those turned out by the several military commanders found wider circulation. The illicit coins now in circulation in Canton are 25 to 50 per cent. fine, and the shop-keepers are having considerable difficulty in differentiating them from some old coins of legal standard, (not less than 71 per cent. fine). A mint employing more than 20 experts has just been put up at Tak Shuen Siao Lo Road, Canton, by a Yunnanese commander, according to the *Wah Sheng Chung Wai Po*.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR LI FOOK LAM.

The Drug Shops Guild in Canton, in appreciation of the willingness of General Li Fook Lam to cease taxing toilet articles and other cosmetics, has presented him, as a Christmas gift, with a silver bowl and a large looking glass. The druggists say that the silver cup, when filled with clear water, and the mirror, both represent light and purity, a quality now much wanted in official circles.

THE ELECTRIC COMPANY.

The Kwangtung Electricity Supply Company at Canton, by paying over to Dr. Yat Sen's war chest \$200,000, has been assured of no further requisition for funds by the Kuomintang, says the *Chung Kuok Sun Mon Po*.

That was not in his mind at all. He stated in the letter that apparently there had been friction between Messrs. Loxley and their buyers, defendant told him that. Witness then was explaining why he could not get the whole of the 600-bale order confirmed.

Defendant's cross-examination of the witness practically was confined to suggesting that the witness was with him "fifty-fifty" which Mr. Cooke denied with such heat that the Consul had to caution him to be more moderate. When the questioning continued on the same line, witness replied that it was "a fair tale—or worse, it was all lies."

Eventually Mr. Harris interposed. He said that he had not an intimate knowledge of the procedure in Norwegian courts, but if he had heard such questions in a British Court he should have protested earlier and he would have been upheld. It was nothing but a vexatious examination. The witness was perfectly neutral. He merely had given facts and he was submitted to a string of desperate questions on allegations which counsel did not believe could be proved. They were disgraceful questions and purely vexatious.

The Consul said defendant's questions might have some bearing on the case, but he suggested defendant should be more moderate in his instructions.

Defendant said that his questions were based on what he heard in London.

The case was adjourned in order to allow the defendant to secure the services of counsel.

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GUN-RUNNING TO CHINA.

AN EXTRAORDINARY STORY.
CAPTAIN OF THE "W. H. TALBOT"
PLEADS GUILTY.

The trial of Capt. P. H. H. Borreson, master of the American schooner *W. H. Talbot*, which entered Shanghai early this summer with one of the largest consignments of smuggled arms ever brought into China, commenced before Judge Milton D. Purdy in the U.S. Court for China on December 22nd.

The U.S. District Attorney, Mr. Leonard G. Husar, presented no case, as the accused Captain, represented by Mr. H. R. Snyder, of Fessenden, Holcomb and Snyder, pleaded "Guilty" to the charge of unlawfully bringing the arms into China.

Mr. Snyder briefly drew His Honour's attention to the fact that Capt. Borreson had been in custody for 62 days, and at the time of his arrest had expressed willingness to turn State's evidence, and assist in every way possible to effect the arrest of the others concerned in the gun-running scheme. Moreover, it was his first criminal offence, and Counsel pointed out that the accused had merely been the "cat's paw" of others, and was in very urgent need at the time the proposition was made to him.

The District Attorney added that the accused actually had assisted the U.S. Marshal in his endeavours to locate the other smugglers concerned. He had also been in jail, and though technically guilty was really not so much to blame as others.

Mr. Snyder asked for a fine and the smallest possible sentence.

His Honour, the *Shanghai Mercury* reports, subjected the captain to a lengthy cross-examination concerning the circumstances surrounding the hatching of the plot to bring the arms into China. Capt. Borreson stated that he was born in Germany 44 years ago, and had been at sea for 30 years. He became a naturalized American in 1905. He was first given command of a vessel in 1904, and traded principally between San Francisco and Australia. A party of Chinese in San Francisco's Chinatown, and a "white man" named Swinehart (now living under the name of Rolfe at the Baldwin Hotel, San Francisco) first proposed that he should bring the arms to China. They promised to buy him a ship if he would do so. He first met them two years ago, and had been continually in touch with them in San Francisco until he sailed for Shanghai at the beginning of this year. There were about ten or twelve Chinese in the party including "Charlie Gum," a well-to-do Chinese and the manager of a grain-store in Ross Alley, Chinatown, San Francisco. "Charlie Gum" said they had a lot of arms which they wanted to get to China, and arrangements were made accordingly. The *W. H. Talbot* was purchased for \$8,500, the money being supplied by Swinehart and the group of Chinese. Borreson was given command and secured a cargo of lumber from Koo's Bay, Oregon, to bring to Shanghai as legitimate cargo.

The guns were placed on board by Chinese fishermen who came alongside the ship in small steam launches in the dead of night while the crew were all absent. They placed on board altogether 53 cases, mostly German Mauser pistols. These were stowed in the aft-peak and covered over with firewood. Swinehart and the Chinese who financed the expedition were on board supervising the operations. When the *Talbot* sailed from Koo's Bay in April last for Shanghai, the crew were not aware of the illicit cargo on board. There was a hitch in getting the ship's clearance papers, and it was found necessary to sail without them. Swinehart promising to forward them on to Shanghai almost immediately.

Borreson said he was to get no other reward than a \$15,000 cargo to return with to America. He received no salary, and only \$250 for personal expenses.

GUNS SOLD OVER SHIP'S SIDE.

IN SHANGHAI.

Upon arrival in Shanghai the *Talbot* berthed off the Robert Dollar wharf. The cargo of lumber was consigned to Jardine, Matheson & Co., and was shortly afterwards delivered. The Captain found that neither money nor ship's papers had been received in Shanghai for him, and he wired to Hongkong to "Charlie Gum," who had arrived in the Orient to receive the arms, which were intended for Hongkong.

"UP COUNTRY MORE FAR."

A reply came from the south saying that "Charlie Gum" was up-country. Accused then held a conference in the Eastern Hotel with a number of Shanghai Chinese, when he was told that several of the San Francisco party had arrived in Shanghai also, but these people, the captain said, he never saw. It was explained that arrangements had been made in Hongkong to receive the arms without difficulty.

While these matters were being adjusted on shore, the Acting Chief Mate broke into the arms on the *Talbot* and sold a large number over the side of the vessel to Japanese buyers, who came from the shore. It was thus that the arms were discovered and confiscated by the Customs authorities in the Captain's absence.

The crew deserted, and accused went up-river under the name of Petersen, as someone in Shanghai advised him that if he left the city for a time everything would be settled. While up-river he was visited by some of his Chinese friends, who requested him to go to Hankow to sign a charter-party for the *Talbot*. He did so, but returned to Nanking without any money. Coming later to Shanghai to get some money, he was arrested.

His Honour reserved sentence.
[A cable from our Shanghai correspondent, published on December 25th, stated that Captain Borreson was sentenced "twelve months' imprisonment and fined \$500 gold.—En., H.D.P.]
(Continued on next column.)

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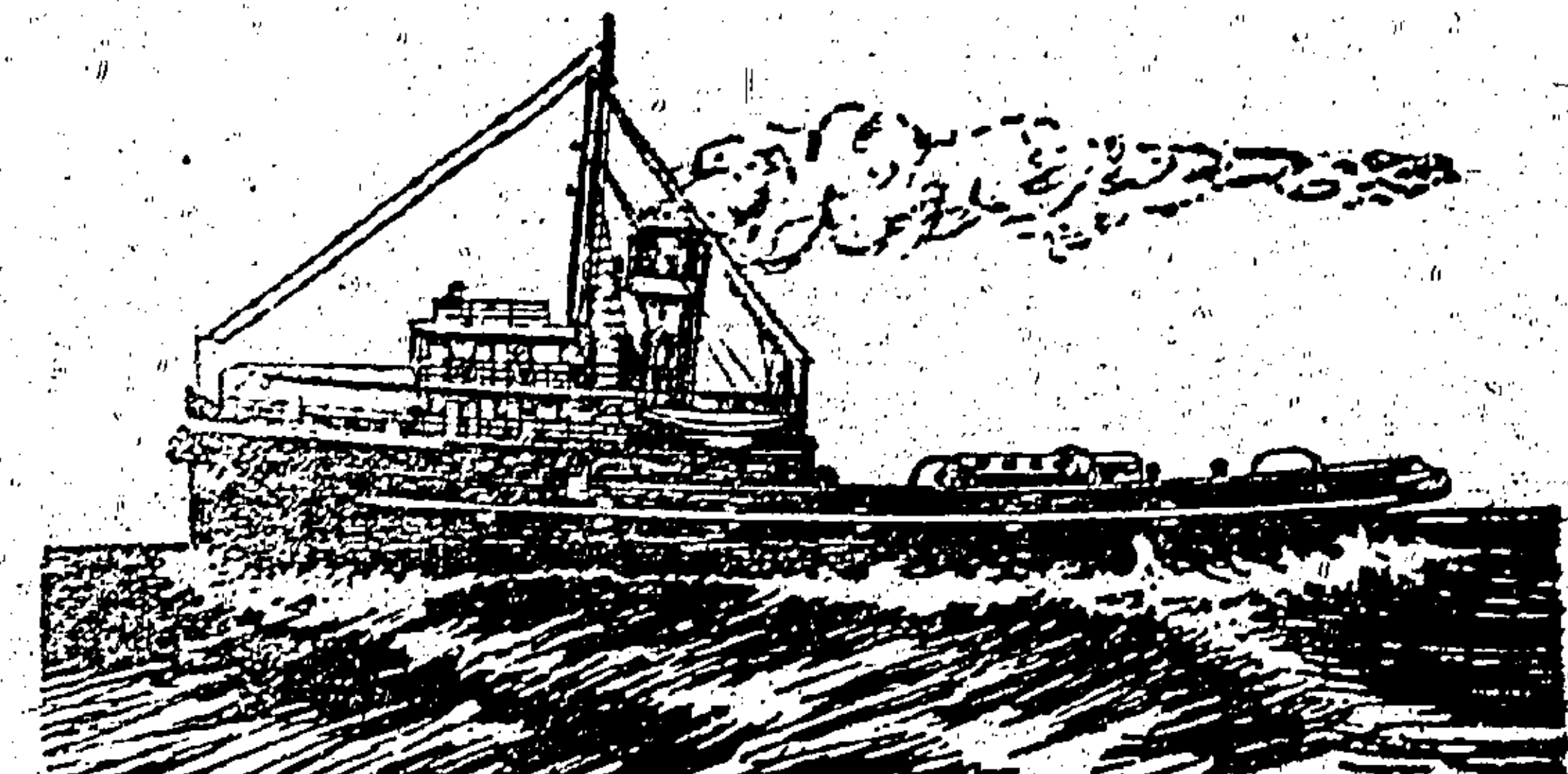


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ARRIVALS.	DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
December 26th.	New York & Boston via Panama	Tatsumo Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 4th Jan
Alcoron Maru, Japanese str., 3,771 tons, Capt. G. Masuda, from Moji, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—N.Y.K.	New York & Baltimore via Suez	Shioh Prince	Brit.	Princo Line	On 1st Jan.
December 27th.	SAN FRANCISCO via Suez	Ision	Brit.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 8th Jan.
Genovese, British str., 3,221 tons, Capt. Geo. McMillan, from Singapore, which port she left on Dec. 10th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—Gibbs, Liverieson & Co.	SAN FRANCISCO via Suez	President	Brit.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 3rd Jan., 11 a.m.
December 28th.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	West Jester	Brit.	West Jester	On 2nd Jan.
City of Baroda, British str., 4,490 tons, Capt. W. Houghton, from Southampton and Singapore, the former port she left on November 17th and the latter on December 19th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's wharf—Bank Line	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Empress Asia	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 31st inst., 11 a.m.
December 29th.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Philotea	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O.S. Ltd.	On 8th Jan.
Eric Maru, Japanese str., 3,967 tons, Capt. K. Haraoka, from Singapore, which port she left on December 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—N.Y.K.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	President Grant	Brit.	Admiral Oriental Line	On 18th Jan.
Hamburg Maru, Japanese str., 3,138 tons, Capt. F. G. Matsukuchi, from Moji, which port she left on Dec. 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—O.S.K.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Macedonia	Brit.	F. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 10th Jan.
December 30th.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Paul Lestat	Brit.	Messageries Maritimes	On 4th Jan.
Nanchang, British str., 1,500 tons, Capt. R. T. Stephens, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 34—B. & S.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Andre Lebon	Brit.	Messageries Maritimes	On 18th Jan.
President Grant, American str., 3,404 tons, Capt. M. M. Jensen, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—Orinoco Oriental Line	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Amboise	Brit.	Messageries Maritimes	On 1st Feb.
Produce, Norwegian str., from Canton, lying at Stenographers.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Hakosaki Maru	Jap.	The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 1st inst., 11 a.m.
Telesio, British str., 1,321 tons, Capt. W. R. E. Holden, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 24th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 34—B. & S.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	City of Tokio	Jap.	Butterfield & Swire	On 31st inst.
Yan Chuan, Dutch str., 2,689 tons, Capt. H. O. Broos, from Singapore, which port she left on December 19th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 34—B. & S.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Lubwigshafen	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 29th inst.
December 25th.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Terrestre	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 1st Jan.
Elia Chuan, Norwegian str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. 34.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Angier	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Jan.
December 26th.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Ision	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Jan.
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December 28th.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Empress Asia	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Jan.
December 29th.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Philotea	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Jan.
December 30th.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	President Grant	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Jan.
December 31st.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. Ports	Macedonia	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Jan.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per S.S. *Yan Chuan*, on December 25th: Mr. Fred. Sandeman, Mr. E. F. Williams, and Mr. Rabbe.

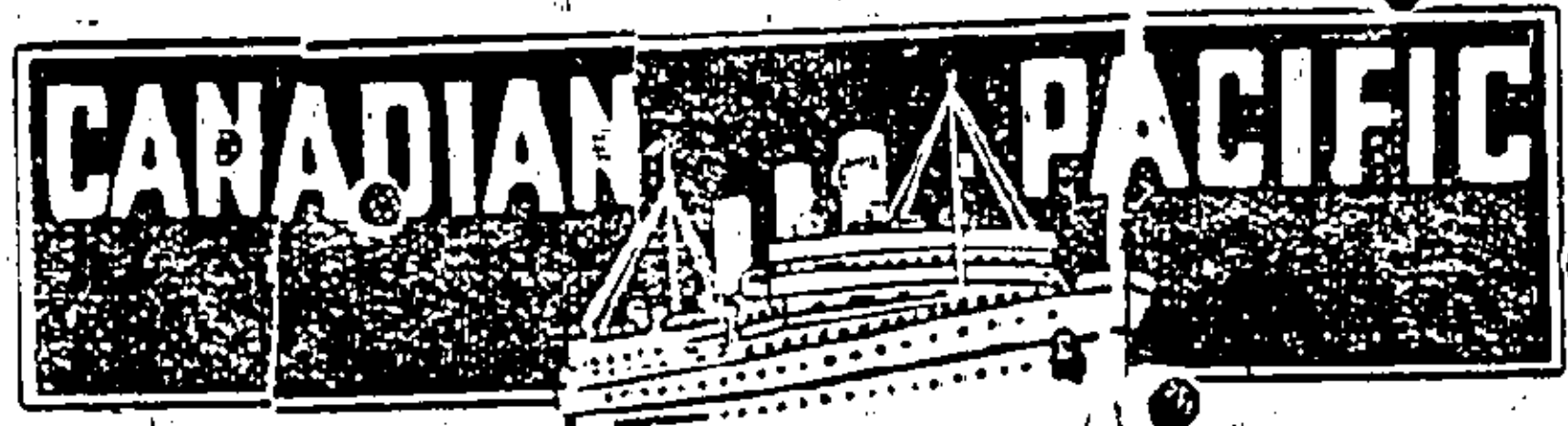
Per *Ellerman* liner *City of Baroda*, on December 26th: From Southampton to Hongkong: Prof. and Mrs. G. T. Byrne, Mr. O. A. H. Gamble, Mr. R. Cryan, Mr. S. T. Duckray, Mr. V. Inglis (for Manila), Mr. and Mrs. A. Robertson and son, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Shaw, Misses Shaw (2) and Mr. R. F. Webster.

Per P. & O. str. *Kalgan*, on December 27th: Mr. and Mrs. E. Fox, Miss A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Dunlop, and three children, Mr. F. Redmond, Mrs. A. Bowes Smith and two children, Mr. E. Dovey, Mr. W. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Craig, Mrs. F. Reed and three children, Miss R. Trotter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hyman, Mr. W. Riddell, Mr. S. Hopkins, Mr. R. Cameron, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. H. Stark, Mr. J. Cook, Mr. C. Thickett, Mr. T. Robinson, Mr. W. Elliott, Mr. W. Le Sage, Mr. R. Coleman, Mr. S. Wright, Mr. A. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Mr. G. S. Carter, Mr. F. Warwick, Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson, Miss Y. Wente, Miss G. Adeler, Mr. A. Cunningham, Mr. H. Walden, Mr. and Mrs. A. Parsons, Mr. J. Douglas, Mr. H. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Stedman, Miss K. Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. F. Young and child, Mrs. Wilkinson and two children, Mr. L. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. E. Muir, Mr. R. Chappell, Dr. Su La Ku, Mr. S. Griggs, Capt. L. Stanger, Mr. R. Lowe, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. W. Elder, Mr. N. Thompson, Rev. J. Hogan, Mrs. A. Waters, Mr. W. Murray, Miss S. Fox, Mrs. Smith and child, Mrs. Sykes, and Mr. E. Sanderson.

DEPARTURES.

Per S.S. *Surgeon*, on December 27th: Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Averyard and two children, Mrs. E. A. Bates, Capt. and Mrs. T. B. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cook and child, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Cunningham, Mr. C. O. Cunningham, Miss C. A. A. Gough, Mr. T. G. Croshaw, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Drakeford, Miss B. Drakeford, Mrs. B. Gaunt, Mr. C. Greenland, Mr. E. P. Higgs, Mr. A. Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. G. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hayward and child, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Harley, Mr. R. H. Marsland, Mr. R. Master, Rt. Rev. Bishop Norris, D.D., Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Penneford, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Potter, Mr. J. W. Robertson, Mr. F. J. Robinson, Miss R. B. Springfield, Capt. C. E. Williams, Miss J. C. Wilson, Mrs. E. S. Little, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Keigwin, Miss M. Ellis, Miss M. Whimster, Mr. E. C. Holbrook, Mr. C. E. Peacock, Mr. G. M. Keung, Mr. and Mrs. M. de Barletta, Mr. M. M. Tackey, and Mr. Max Kruse.

Per Admiral Oriental liner *President Grant*, for U.S.A., on December 28th: Mr. Cheung Wai Chun, Ch. Cheung Chu U. Mr. A. Dunn, Mr. B. W. Bradbury, Mr. A. J. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Prosser, Mr. R. K. Hepburn, Mr. C. W. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Chow, Miss Chow, Mr. Kwok Yuk Tin, Mr. W. H. Hall, Major M. Knox, Mr. Wong Chi Kwan, Mr. Chan Ki Kai, Mr. Chu Cheong Sing, Mrs. Pak Shee, Miss Chu Tai Min, Mr. C. H. Sum, Mr. L. F. Lo, Mr. Chin King Chut, Mr. Te Kee Wu, Mr. Chin Shu Nam, Mr. T. K. Lin, Mr. A. W. Anderson, Mrs. G. M. Pratt, Mr. A. W. Tin Mok, Mr. Tai Yee Pui, Mr. Y. Hiki, Mr. L. Bailey, Mr. C. N. Poon, Mrs. C. N. Poon, Mr. Sander, Mr. Lee Kam Ling, Mr. Tan, Mr. Sun, Mr. Young Sun, Mr. Tan, Mr. Chur Ming Wai, Mr. B. Mei, Mr. Lan Dek Fong, Mr. Mai You Yee, Mr. Chey, Get Yuk, Mr. Chin Lok.



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WEATHER REPORT.

December 29th at 17.30—Pressure has decreased moderately over N. Japan, and increased slightly elsewhere; it is highest over Korea and S. Japan.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Dec. 28th 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 95.57 inches, against an average of 83.09 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Dec. 29th is as follows:—

District	Forecast
Formosa Channel	N. winds, fresh.
Hongkong to Gap Rock (N.E. winds, mod. rate; fair.	
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamcocks)	do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 28th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.09	30.15	30.13
Temperature	62	59	64
Humidity	67	81	62
Wind direction	ESE	E	E
Force	4	4	5
Weather	B	C	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air temperature on 27th ... 63

Lowest open-air temperature on 28th ... 63

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MABESILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore Ports.

HAKOSAKI MARU ... Wednesday, 31st Dec., at 11 a.m.

HAKUSAN MARU ... Wednesday, 14th Jan.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

DARAK MARU ... Sunday, 7th Feb.

LIVERPOOL via ADEN & MARSEILLES.

LIMA MARU ... Monday, 8th Feb.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila Ports.

ARI MARU ... Wednesday, 14th Jan., at 11 a.m.

MISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 18th Feb.

NEW YORK & BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU ... Sunday, 4th Jan.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KAWACHI MARU (calls Delagoa Bay & Port Elizabeth) ... Wednesday, 24th Dec.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

RANGOON AMBU ... Friday, 2nd Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

YAMAGATA MARU ... Wednesday, 31st Dec.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MISEIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 14th Jan.

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"AACHEN"		27th March
"TRIER"	1st March	4th April
"SAARBRUECKEN"	28th March	2nd May
"DESSAU"	26th April	14th June
"COBLENZ"	24th May	21st June
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AMBOISE	15th Jan.	15th Jan.	1st Feb.
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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	10th Jan.	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	6,813	31st Jan.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KALYAN"	9,118	24th Jan.	Mara. London, N'dam. & Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,911	7th Feb.	Marseilles & London
"SARDINIA"	8,884	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHMIR"	8,983	21st Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles & London
"BOUDAN"	8,886	18th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"SICILIA"	6,813	31st Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MANTUA"	10,902	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
"KARMALA"	8,988	18th Apr.	Mara. London & A'way.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
"SARDINIA"	8,884	18th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

SS.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAIRA"	8,500	5th Jan., 1925	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKADA"	6,949	20th Jan.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	2nd Feb.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	14th Feb.	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

SS.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ARAFURA"	6,000	30th Dec.	(Manila, Kolambagan, Sandakan, Thura Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne).

SS.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Feb., 1925	Manila, Sandakan, Thura Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"TANDA"	6,988	28th Feb.	do.

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SS.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"SICILIA"	6,813	29th Dec. 10 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"DONCOLO"	8,983	7th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,000	11th Jan.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,983	24th Jan.	do.
"SARDINIA"	8,884	24th Jan.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	24th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,988	7th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"BOUDAN"	8,886	21st Feb.	do.
"SICILIA"	6,813	7th Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
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"KARMALA"	8,988	21st Mar.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	3rd Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	8,884	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"NAGOVA"	6,984	3rd May	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	1st May	do.
"TANDA"	6,988	9th May	Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,118	16th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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